MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN :
523. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 48,600 under Demand IX by Re. 1.

MR. P. V. MATHAI CHEMPARATHY :
524. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 48,600 under Demand IX by Re. 1.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN :
525. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 51,600 for Legislative Bodies by Re 1.

The question that a sum of Rs. 48,600 be granted under Demand IX - General Administration, E. Legislative Bodies was put to vote and carried and the grant was made.

DEMAND XIII—ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONE.

**MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON :** Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 27,19,590 under Demand XIII—Electricity and Telephone.

**Motions Nos. 526 and 527.**

The following motions were not moved :

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR :
526. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,334 for travelling allowance by Re. 1.

MR. P. KUNJU KRISHNAN :
527. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 18,726 for Administration by Re. 1.

**Motion No. 528.**

**MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI :** From the asterisk that is put at the beginning of the motion it can be seen that it covers a non-votable item, and hence the motion cannot be admitted unless it is amended.

**PRESIDENT :** Mr. Abraham, it has been pointed out, and I think rightly, that your motion includes a non-votable item. You are at liberty to amend it so as to limit it to the votable item and then I shall allow you to move your cut motion. You may take time to make your amendment and in the mean time you can speak on the motion.

**MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM :** Sir, I move to reduce the allotment for administration by Re. 1 to point out the necessity of instituting a propaganda branch of the department for devising means and advising people in the use of electric power in industrial and agricultural operations. When I framed this cut motion, the idea in my mind was that the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Scheme should be popularised in such a way that all the agriculturists and all the industrialists in the State should get oppourtunity for making use of electric power to the fullest extent. Electricity, of course, as a power is not a familiar factor for the people in rural areas. It has come into existence in our State only recently.

**PRESIDENT :** I think the honourable members are under a misapprehension in regard to this matter. Already demands for electric power are coming in from the agriculturists. Is that not so?

**MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON :** Yes, Sir. A lot of applications are coming in for electric power from the agriculturists and such demands are being attended to. In fact the department has instituted demonstration centres in the lands of some agriculturists. In Moovattupuzha where a lift irrigation is absolutely necessary, that



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[Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon.]

need is being attended to. The officers of the department are really investigating on this aspect of the question and I may inform the House that some thing has been done in this direction.

MR. KOTTLIL P. ABRAHAM: My idea was to point out to the house that if the Electrical Engineer is convinced after his own investigation that in certain areas electrical power can be used to assist irrigation or agriculture, whatever it be,he should devote special attention on those matters and to those areas. I may however point out that in North Travancore especially in several pakuthies of Muvattupuzha taluk what is called 'lift irrigation' is a wide necessity. I believe and hope that the Electrical Engineer will devise and recommend for those areas proper and cheap machines which could use electric power for purposes of "lift irrigation." In a similar way, the small industries should also be given sufficient support and encouragement.

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: Sir, regular investigations are being carried out by the department regarding the supply of electrical power for industrial and agricultural operation. It is only a question of time when the supply will be ultimately available in most of the rural areas for such purposes. It is only natural that the department takes up those extensions which will bring in a satisfactory return on the capital invested for such extensions. With that objective, we are concentrating on the extension of power to such areas where there is an immediate demand. Later on it will be possible for the department to extend the supply of power to other areas also for industrial and agricultural operations referred to by the member. There is already a programme worked out by the department in regard to the extension of the supply of power for the next ten years, and the extensions are being taken upon and completed in the order detailed in that programme

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: സർ, ഇതു അടുത്തിരുന്നാട്ടം കേൾക്കാൻ പാടില്ല.

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: What I have been saying, was that the department has already taken up to the suggestion of Mr. Abraham in popularising the use of power in areas referred to by him, and I may say that Muvattupuzha will also come under that scheme of extension either in 1116 or the year after. It is only a question of providing funds for such extension in the order of their respective importance.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഇലക്ട്രിഫൈ ചെയ്യൽ ഇറിഗേഷൻ ജോലി ഒരു ചെറിയ തോതിലെങ്കിലും ആരംഭിക്കുന്നതിനു എന്തു ചെലവുവരും?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: It all depends on the area contemplated under the lift irrigation. About Rs. 150 may be required for a plant intended to irrigate an area of 4 or 5 acres and for an area of 10 or 15 acres of land, something like Rs. 300-may be required.

MR. K. P. KOCOUKHRA THARAKAN: ൫ ൦ ൦ രൂപ ചെലവുചെയ്താൽ എത്ര ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലം കൃഷിചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കും?

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